

# WILL MAUPIN'S WEEKLY

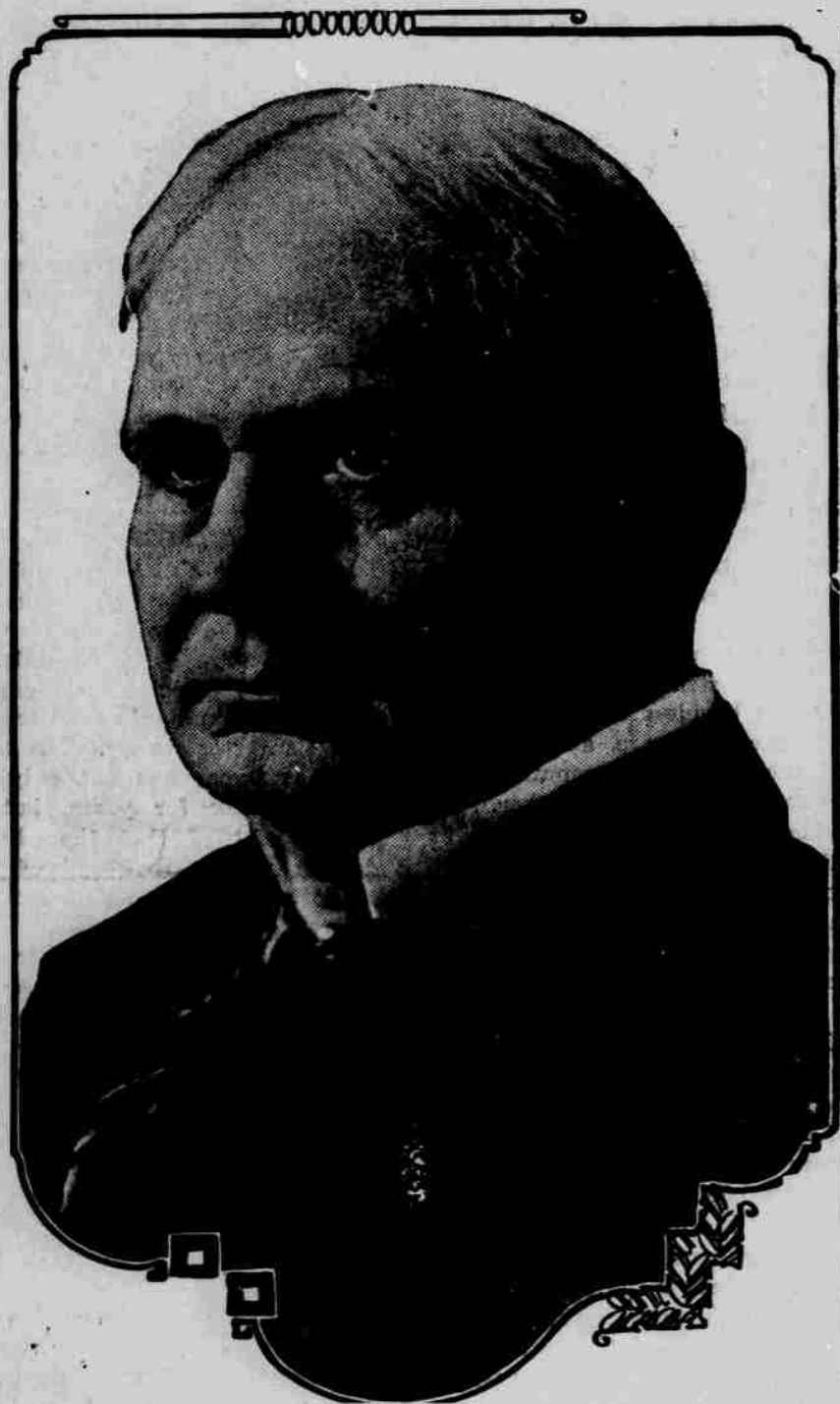
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## CHAMP CLARK'S BOOM



Champ Clark of Missouri is looming almighty high upon the presidential horizon. There is no mistaking the fact that Clark sentiment has been growing rapidly of late, especially in Nebraska. That he occupies the strategic position in the democratic free-for-all—the "pole hoss"—is pretty generally admitted. And why not?

If the democratic party wins this presidential election it will be upon the record now in the making by a democratic house under the leadership of Speaker Champ Clark. This democratic house could—and yet may—make it as impossible to elect a democrat president as it would be to establish a refrigerating plant in Hades. But right now that record promises to yield results in the shape of a golden opportunity to elect a democrat to the presidency. And when democrats come to cast about for the logical candidate, why should they overlook the one democrat yet mentioned who is making, and has helped to make, the record upon which success must be won if won at all—Champ Clark of Missouri.

Every democrat worthy of the name is demanding a "progressive" candidate. Is there a progressive democrat who doubts the progressiveness of Champ Clark? As well doubt the progressiveness of Bob La Follette, whom we hope to see nominated for the

presidency by the republicans. Is there the least suspicion that Champ Clark has not always been true to the party and its principles? Any suspicion that his conversion to democratic principles is too recent?

Because it believes Champ Clark the best man the democrats could nominate, Will Maupin's Weekly is for him. We are not so much interested in his "availability" as we are in the

fact that he is the right kind of a man. This newspaper wants to see both parties put up its best man. It has too much patriotism to want a weak man nominated in order to make more certain the election of a strong man. It wants to see the two parties put up candidates of such worth that no matter which party wins the people will have the services of good, true men. This little newspaper is a lot more interested in the triumph of principle than it is in the election of any man or set of men. It is interested in men only as they give promise of the willingness and the ability to bring about the triumph of the principles which most of us advocate, even if we do so under different party names.

And Will Maupin's Weekly believes that of the democratic candidates for the presidential nomination Champ Clark stands head and shoulders above them all in the willingness and the ability to bring about the reforms advocated by progressive democracy. And this is said in no spirit of derogation of other candidates.

### MOREHEAD THE MAN.

The withdrawal of Chas. W. Pool from the gubernatorial contest leaves two democratic candidates—John H. Morehead and Richard L. Metcalfe. The republicans will have Governor Aldrich to head the state ticket. We are sorry that Charley Pool did not originally file for secretary of state as he would have been nominated and elected to that place—an office that pays reasonably well and which he richly deserves. The primary contest between Morehead and Metcalfe ought to be friendly as both are excellent men and the man who is nominated deserves the united support of those who demand a better state administration. The Democrat pledged itself early in the game to Lieutenant Governor Morehead, and we believe he should be nominated. Democrats who want to carry Nebraska this year must see that a known business democrat heads the state ticket. Mr. Morehead is such a man, and will command a strong vote among business people generally and in using the word business people we mean all classes of men. One need only visit southeastern Nebraska to realize how strong a candidate he really will be.—Hastings Democrat.

The report that Clark will withdraw from the primaries in Nebraska is, of course, unfounded—unless it be that he gets so far ahead that there's nothing to it. And that's the very thing that's likely to happen.

## JOHN H. MOREHEAD

There are a hundred or more reforms needed in Nebraska. We need a governor who is a cool-headed, level-headed, experienced business man; a man who knows the business game and who has played it square and with success. It is because Will Maupin's Weekly wants to see a governor of that kind that it is advocating the nomination of John H. Morehead by the democrats of Nebraska. Mr. Morehead has enough initiative to push these reforms, and the business ability to put them into successful practice. One of the first reforms he would insist upon would be the abolition of the infamous prison labor contract system and the founding of a system that would make the state prison a reformatory instead of a place over the entrance to which might now be placed the inscription over Dante's "Inferno," "Abandon hope all ye who enter here." He would put men in charge of the state's institutions because they were the right men for the place, not because they played politics. He would give to the solution of the tax problem the same keen business ability that has marked his own private business. He would not be misled by sentimentalists.

John H. Morehead is a progressive democrat—progressive in the broadest interpretation of that term. His personal platform is a frank, concise statement upon the questions now most vitally concerning the people of the state. He stands for those reforms that are based upon common sense. He is not the candidate of any faction, nor is he in any wise bound up with interests inimical to the welfare of the whole people. John H. Morehead is today as free from the control of any faction or special interest as any man that ever stood for the gubernatorial nomination. His life's record will refute any charge that he is not a free agent, save as he is bound by honor to act as the agent of the whole people.

The governor who will push and then put into successful operation the two reforms outlined above will have done a man's work. Mr. Morehead will do this, and more if possible. He believes that the man who is elected governor owes his entire time to the state and should remain on duty all the time. If nominated and elected he will act according to this belief.

In the humble judgment of this newspaper it would benefit the people of Nebraska far more to bring about a few reforms in state government through the election of a man like

John H. Morehead, than it would to elect this man or that man president of the United States. We of Nebraska have given all of our attention to national politics for so long that we have come mighty close to overlooking the necessity of paying some attention to state issues.

### ROBERT M. LAFOLLETTE.

Wouldn't the progressives in both of the old parties be in clover if the republicans nominated LaFollette and the democrats nominated Clark? Under such conditions we would be almost tempted to go fishing on election day, serenely confident that no matter which one was elected the people would be the gainers.

Will Maupin's Weekly has always had a great admiration for LaFollette. It loves a fighter who knows he is fighting for the right and will not be defeated though often repulsed. It takes moral courage of an unusually high order to make the fight that LaFollette has made. And it takes sincerity that can not be questioned. There are a lot of men in the republican party who are great reformers and thorough progressives today who sneered at LaFollette and called him a "disturber" and a "near-democrat" a few years ago. They are falling all over one another to avow the same beliefs that LaFollette is voicing today. Will Maupin's Weekly does not agree with all of LaFollette's utterances and beliefs, but it does agree with so many of them that it is quite willing to overlook the few points of difference. LaFollette, for instance, is a staunch protectionist, although he believes in tariff reduction. We are opposed to "protection" in whole and in part. He opposed reciprocity because he feared it would lead to free trade; we favored it for that very reason. But what's all that got to do with admiring a man who agrees with us on so many things? Because he is in favor of a protective tariff wouldn't induce LaFollette to knuckle under to the tariff barons. Nobody imagines for a minute that he would take his cue from Wall street. Not much! And it is because he would fight for the plain people while president, just as he has fought for them during all these years, we hope to see him nominated by the republicans. This non-partisan newspaper, edited by a mighty liberal democrat, wants results a whole lot more than it wants any kind of a partisan victory that will end with a mere shout of partisan triumph.

### FLOYD SEYBOLT.

If the democrats of Nebraska fail to nominate Floyd Seybolt for governor they will have made a mistake. First, because his business training peculiarly fits him for the place. Second, because he has shown all the earmarks of a good campaigner. For twenty years he has been engaged in the banking and investment business, thereby becoming thoroughly versed in all the intricacies of bond investments—a knowledge that the state treasurer of Nebraska must have if he does what he is employed to do. Actively, but with dignity, Mr. Seybolt has made his campaign all over the state, meeting the voters personally and frankly telling them about himself. He points with pardonable pride to the success that has been his in his own business career. And certainly that record entitles him to the careful consideration of his party associates on primary day. Mr. Seybolt has no relatives now holding public positions.

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